

16 June 1965

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Agriculture Shortfall in FY 1965

1. After the usual negotiations last fall, Dr. Lois Bacon by telephone 20 October 1964 agreed to produce 8 sections in FY66 and provided the dates therefor. We reprinted the areas and suggested dates in the 17 February version of the FY66 Tentative Production Schedule, although we were wondering how she could accomplish 8 sections in FY66 and at the same time make up the chronic shortfall of 4 sections each year shown at the end of FY63 and FY64.

2. In response to my telephone call about this, Dr. Bacon said on 19 February (see chrono file) that she would try to do 9 sections in FY65 and reduce the annual shortfall by one section. "One of the branches" in Agriculture would do the extra section, she said. The main obstacle at that time was delayed contribution caused by re-organization in the Branch of Foreign Fisheries, Fish & Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior. F & W would need to agree to step up production, Dr. Bacon said. At the time of our budget meeting on 30 April 1965 I suggested to Dr. Bacon that she prepare a memo attaching production dates to her outstanding commitment of unproduced sections, including those left over from FY65.

3. Her letter of 9 June responds to this suggestion. It shows that she will not complete 9 sections in FY65 as promised; only 7. This compounds the carry-over to 5 sections held over into FY66. In her 9 June letter Dr. Bacon lists 11 sections to be produced during FY66. This would reduce the FY66 carry-over to 2 sections: Argentina and Yugoslavia. These she proposes to do in FY67 and FY68. The production schedule, as Dr. Bacon proposes it, seems unrealistic and promises increasing shortfalls.

4. Dr. Bacon agreed by telephone yesterday to the FY66 Production Schedule approved by the NIS Committee today. The schedule shows the submission dates in the 9 June letter for all new items and retains the two stated carry-overs, Argentina and Yugoslavia, as due to us in May and June, 1966. This unsatisfactory situation will require further consideration as soon as summer vacations are over.

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